



Hungary conducts 2011 Population and Housing Census

The data collection period lasted from 1 to 31 of October and was followed by a supplementary data collection from 1 to 8 of November.

For the first time, the 15th Hungarian census offered the inhabitants the possibility to choose from three different methods to provide data: filling the questionnaires via internet, individually on paper, or answering to the enumerators. Electronic data collection was carried out in the first half of the month. Questionnaires were received through internet from 19 percent of all addresses. Respondents in 15 percent of the addresses chose paper-based self-enumeration, while most of the households answered the questions about themselves and their dwellings to enumerators in a face to face interview.

Responding via internet was practical, comfortable, fast and flexible for those who did not have much time for this activity. Built-in instructions and checkpoints as well as drop-down answer lists facilitated the answering via internet. Paper-based self-enumeration was preferred by those who did not want to make an appointment for the enumeration or did not want to let a stranger enumerator in their flat. This method proved to be the most difficult for the respondents as they could only rely on themselves in interpreting the questions. The personal interview was chosen by those who opened the door to the enumerators with confidence, trusted in their knowledge, competence and expertise and did not want to cope with completing the questionnaire.

The processing of the census data will start soon. The preliminary data will be published in spring 2012, while the dissemination of final data will start from the end of 2012.

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